

Whereas despite decades of conflict with the State of Israel, King Hussein invariably maintained a dialogue with the Jewish state, and ultimately signed a full-fledged peace treaty with Israel on October 26, 1994;

Whereas King Hussein has established a model for Arab-Israeli coexistence in Jordan's ties with the State of Israel, including deepening political and cultural relations, growing trade and economic ties and other major accomplishments;

Whereas King Hussein contributed to the cause of peace in the Middle East with tireless energy, rising from his sick bed at the last to assist in the Wye Plantation talks between the State of Israel and the Palestinian Authority;

Whereas King Hussein fought cancer with the same courage he displayed in tirelessly promoting and making invaluable contributions to peace in the Middle East;

Whereas on February 7, 1999, King Hussein succumbed to cancer in Amman, Jordan: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, (The House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress—

(1) extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of King Hussein and to all the people of Jordan in this difficult time;

(2) expresses admiration for King Hussein's enlightened leadership and gratitude for his support for peace throughout the Middle East;

(3) expresses its support and best wishes for the new government of Jordan under King Abdullah;

(4) reaffirms the United States commitment to strengthening the vital relationship between our two governments and peoples;

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of the deceased.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 1999, 9:30 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is Department of Education Elementary and Secondary Education Proposals. For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5357.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 1999, 9:30 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is Labor Department Budget Initiatives. For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information

of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will be held on Thursday, February 11, 1999, 9:30 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is Education Budget Proposals. For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the full Energy and Natural Resources Committee to consider the President's proposed fiscal year 2000 budget.

The committee will hear testimony from the following:

1. The Department of Energy and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on Thursday, February 25, 1999, beginning at 9 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

2. The Forest Service on Thursday, February 25, 1999, beginning at 2 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

3. The Department of the Interior on Tuesday, March 2, 1999, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

For further information, please call Betty Nevitt, staff assistant at (202) 224-0765, Amie Brown, staff assistant at (202) 224-6170, or Jo Meuse, staff assistant at (202) 224-4756.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE RULES—106TH CONGRESS

• Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, the Senate Appropriations Committee has unanimously adopted rules governing its procedures for the 106th Congress. Pursuant to Rule XXVI, paragraph 2, of the "Standing Rules of the Senate", I send to the desk a copy of the Committee rules for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The rules follow:

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE RULES—106TH CONGRESS

I. Meetings—

The Committee will meet at the call of the Chairman.

II. Quorums—

1. Reporting a bill. A majority of the members must be present for the reporting of a bill.

2. Other business. For the purpose of transacting business other than reporting a bill or taking testimony, one-third of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

3. Taking testimony. For the purpose of taking testimony, other than sworn testimony, by the Committee or any subcommittee, one member of the Committee or subcommittee shall constitute a quorum. For the purpose of taking sworn testimony

by the Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum, and for the taking of sworn testimony by any subcommittee, one member shall constitute a quorum.

III. Proxies—

Except for the reporting of a bill, votes may be cast by proxy when any member so requests.

IV. Attendance of staff members at closed sessions—

Attendance of Staff Members at closed sessions of the Committee shall be limited to those members of the Committee Staff that have a responsibility associated with the matter being considered at such meeting. This rule may be waived by unanimous consent.

V. Broadcasting and photographing of Committee hearing—

The Committee or any of its subcommittees may permit the photographing and broadcast of open hearings by television and/or radio. However, if any member of a subcommittee objects to the photographing or broadcasting of an open hearing, the question shall be referred to the Full Committee for its decision.

VI. Availability of subcommittee reports—

To the extent possible, when the bill and report of any subcommittee are available, they shall be furnished to each member of the Committee thirty-six hours prior to the Committee's consideration of said bill and report.

VII. Amendments and report language—

To the extent possible, amendments and report language intended to be proposed by Senators at Full Committee markups shall be provided in writing to the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member and the appropriate Subcommittee Chairman and Ranking Minority Member twenty-four hours prior to such markups.

VIII. Points of order—

Any member of the Committee who is floor manager of an appropriation bill, is hereby authorized to make points of order against any amendment offered in violation of the Senate Rules on the floor of the Senate to such appropriation bill.●

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND THE RULES

• Mr. DASCHLE. In accordance with rule V, on behalf of myself and Senator FEINSTEIN, I hereby give notice in writing that it is my intention to move to suspend the following:

Rule VII, paragraph 2 the phrase "upon the calendar"; and

Rule VIII, paragraph 2 the phrase "during the first two hours of a new legislative day."

In order to permit a motion to proceed to a censure resolution, to be introduced on the day of the motion to proceed, notwithstanding the fact that it is not on the calendar of business.●

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND THE RULES

• Mrs. FEINSTEIN. In accordance with rule V, on behalf of myself and Senator DASCHLE, I hereby give notice in writing that it is my intention to move to suspend the following:

Rule VII, paragraph 2 the phrase "upon the calendar"; and